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## A Southern Style Homecoming

I'm going home." The phrase stirs the heart. Who hasn't known the exhilarating feeling of returning to familiar surroundings after an extended absence.

May 7 and 8 we hope to prove Thomas Wolfe wrong. You can come home again to MCG and we want you to. Careful planning has gone into the preparations for Homecoming '82 and we think it will be a memorable occasion with this year's accent on southern food and music at the President's dinner dance. Top flight entertainment will be provided by "Code 99" and noted jazz pianist Dr. William Dodd.

Learning never ceases. And with this issue of the magazine I think you will see how far-reaching the college's influence is with an informative article on MCG's continuing education programs.

The effectiveness of any organization depends on its leadership and you can see after reading the brief profiles on our five alumni presidents that you are represented by capable, caring people.

Finally, I have a few thoughts to pass on to you about the Economic Recovery Tax of 1981. Although the tax cut has made estate planning much easier, it has not made planning obsolete. On the contrary, the need for a concise, well-planned estate is more important than ever. We will be happy to assist you, if you want more information, we have available some booklets that will clarify some of the more important aspects of the act and explain how you will be affected by them. To receive a copy, write the Director of Institutional Relations, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga. 30912.

I look forward to seeing you during Homecoming.

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## Dr. Curtis C. Hames honored

A dinner announcing the establishment of the Curtis G. Hames Lectureship and Professorship in Family Practice was held recently in Augusta.

The $250,000 endowment will be used to enhance the training of physicians in the Department of Family Practice by emphasizing "the art of the practice of medicine."

Dr. Hames is a 1944 graduate of MCG who has established himself as an outstanding cardiovascular researcher.

He is the principal investigator and heads one of 14 centers in the U.S. sponsored by the National Institutes of Health to develop ways of controlling high blood pressure with resources available at the community level.

In recognition of his contributions to research he was named a consultant to NIH and has been called on numerous times to advise the World Health Organization.

He is a recipient of the Governor Hardman Award from the Medical Association of Georgia and co-recipient of the 1980 Albert Lasker Special Public Health Award for a collaborative effort in developing methods for controlling hypertension at the community level.

Hames believes in treating the "whole" patient.

"Oftentimes we find ourselves spending a lot of our time admiring our science and talking about what science can do while the human and the spiritual side gets de-emphasized. I would like to see medical students come to understand both, and to use the art and science of medicine to its best advantage, wisely, for the good of the patient," says Hames.

His current research includes an international study of selenium platelets in association with cardiovascular disease.

The Hames professorship, established through the MCG Foundation, was made possible by the following benefactors: Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Achenbach, Mrs. Margo Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. James Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mock, Pepsi Co, Inc., Biological Research Institute, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Frost, Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Hames and Piggly Wiggly Southern, Inc.

## Dean Hickey receives award

Dr. Judson Hickey, dean of the School of Dentistry at MCG, has been awarded the Jerome and Dorothy Schweitzer Award for Research by the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics.

The national award acknowledges Hickey's leadership in pioneering prosthodontic research in the replacement of lost teeth and soft tissues.

Hickey has been the dean of the MCG's School of Dentistry since its beginning in 1966. In addition, he has been president of the Federation of Prosthodontists Organizations and the American Prosthodontist Association. He also serves as editor of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.*

## MCG co-sponsors national Sickle Cell meeting

The national meeting of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers was held Dec. 2-4 at the Hyatt Hotel at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Dr. Titus H. J. Huisman, chairman of the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at MCG and director of the MCG Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, was conference chairman. Cathryn T. Cox, manager of the CMB Department, was general manager and Herman F. Harris, administrator of the Center, was program chairman.

More than 350 international scientists and educators gathered to hear and present papers on "The Sickle Cell Anemia Patient: Prenatal Period to Adulthood."

Dr. E. C. Abraham, associate research professor at MCG, directed the scientific and clinical presentations. B. L. Abraham, community project coordinator at MCG, was in charge of national educational display material.

## Dr. Goodale elected chairman of medical deans

Dr. Fairfield Goodale, dean of the School of Medicine at MCG was elected chairman of the Southern Council of Medical Deans during a meeting held recently in Sarasota, Fla.

More than 40 medical deans belong to the organization and they meet throughout the year to discuss issues and develop plans concerning medical education, financing and research.

A major theme of the meeting was how medical schools will survive in light of increasing financial pressure.

"All schools are facing difficult times. With recent government budget cuts and proposed Medicaid legislation we will lose approximately $4 million in revenues this year from Talmadge Hospital," says Goodale.

## MCG officials elected officers

Betty Golden, director of nursing service at Talmadge Hospital was elected president of the Georgia Society of Nursing Service Administrators at a meeting held recently in Augusta.

Richard Beckham, chairman of the Department of Respiratory Therapy at MCG, was elected secretary of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy during its annual meeting at Anaheim, Calif.

*The MCG Dental Alumni Association recently presented their first scholarship to dental student Stephen Andrews. The award is presented by Alumni Association President Dr. Van Haywood (R) and Dr. Norris O'Dell.*

## Dr. Phillip Dow

Dr. Philip Dow, a former chairman of the Physiology Department and well-known researcher at MCG, died Dec. 17 after a brief illness.

Sometimes affectionately known as "Rowdy Dow" by the students he taught, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1927 and Yale University in 1935.

A native of Ann Arbor, Mich., he came to MCG for a year's fellowship in 1935 and ended up retiring as department chairman 35 years later.

The professor pioneered in the development of methods for measuring the flow of blood circulation and heart pressure. Working closely with Dr. William F. Hamilton, he spent many years perfecting the Hamilton Monometer.

Dow was a member of the American Physiological Society and the MCG Founders Club.

He was editor of a number of books and research journals and was instrumental in establishing the William F. Hamilton Chair of Physiology at MCG.

## AOA honors Newman

Cheryl Newman, a senior medical student at MCG, was awarded the Physician's Physician Award during Alpha Omega honors day at MCG.

She is the first woman to receive the honor.

# A Southern Style Homecoming — Just The Way You Like It

by Nancy Carroll

Augusta is changing — showing off its flowering foliage during this beautiful season of the year, changing the look of its downtown area and restoring some of its vintage homes in a new section called "Olde Towne." MCG is changing — refining programs, adding new buildings, beautifying the campus, and graduating new generations of students. Homecoming 1982 (May 7 and 8) is also changing. It's tailored more to accommodate YOU. So if you have never been to a MCG Homecoming you will really want to come this year.

In July of last year, the five alumni presidents (see article on them on page 10) met with President William Moretz and discussed Homecoming plans for 1982. They came up with a new format while keeping the favorite features of previous years. Read on and see how we are making Homecoming just what you always wanted . . . A *Southern Style Homecoming, Just the Way You Like It.*

The President's dinner dance has gone through some major changes listed below:

**The Time for You** — Usually held on Thursdays, this very special evening for the alumni and friends of the Medical College will be on Friday evening, May 7. At last, those of you who can't miss a whole workday Friday can come. The reception and cash bar begins at 7 pm, with dinner at 8 pm.

**The Place For You** — Come home to the MCG Student Center on campus for the reception, dinner and dance. Free parking is provided.

**The Food For You** — Some things are too good to change, like the famous Sconyers Bar-B-Que. Augusta has not only been put on the map nationally because of the Masters, but also because of Sconyers barbecue served on the White House lawn. Sconyers will cater an all-you-can-eat assortment of their specialities for the connoisseur of fine barbecue. For those who do not indulge in such delicacies, a more traditional fare will also be provided. Both these meals will be buffet style and all you can eat.

**The Price For You** — For a real change, we are cutting the price considerably from last year's dinner. The total cost for the dinner and entertainment will be $11 per person.

**The Entertainment For You** — Come home to the sounds of some of our most famous alumni, in a truly southern atmosphere. Performing during the evening will be Dr. Billy Dodd, the nationally noted jazz pianist from Wrightsville, and "Code 99", the band composed of MCG alumni, that has made a hit throughout the Augusta area for its Dixieland jazz and other dance music.

And of course there will be reunions (this year all scheduled on Saturday evening, May 8), special alumni meetings and continuing education classes planned for the weekend. Don't forget the sophomore parade on Friday (if you have ever seen it before, it is hard to forget!)

Homecoming participants should sign up for the President's dinner dance that will be held on Friday, May 7, as soon as possible. Cost for the evening will be $11 per person if the registration is received before April 25. After April 25, the cost goes to $18 per person and on May 7, ticket prices will be $25 per person. Tickets and maps will be mailed to all those who register before April 25. All others can pick up their tickets at the Student Center. All checks should be made payable to MCG *Foundation, Homecoming 1982.*

ALLIED HEALTH:

**Annual meeting** — Friday, 4 pm, MCG Library, Room 211.

DENTISTRY:

**Luncheon** — Saturday, noon, Dental School lounge, $5.50 per person.

**Spring business meeting** — Saturday, 1 pm, Dental School lounge.

**Reunion** — Class of 1977, Saturday evening, contact Mike Vernon, details mailed to class members.

GRADUATE STUDIES:

**Annual meeting** — Saturday, 4:30 pm, MCG Library, Room 211.

**Reception for alumni and graduating students** — Saturday, 7:30 pm, Dr. Sam Singal's home, details mailed to members, no cost.

NURSING:

**Annual meeting** — Friday, 8:30 am, MCG Student Center.

**Breakfast** — Friday, 8 am, MCG Student Center, dutch treat, in conjunction with annual meeting.

**Colloquim speakers** — Friday, 2 pm, MCG Library Conference Room.

**Reception and presentation of Phoebe Kandel Rohrer Award** — Friday, 4 pm, Nursing School lounge.

**Reunions** — Class of 1962, Saturday evening, contact Mary Thomoson, details mailed members.

Alumni participating in other class reunions will receive more information later.

MEDICINE:

**Annual meeting** — Saturday, 10 am. R & E Building, Hamilton Wing.

**Buffet Breakfast** — Saturday, 10 am, R & E Building, Hamilton Wing, $5 per person.
**Reception** — Friday, 2 pm-5 pm, MCG Alumni House.
**Reunions** — Saturday evening, 7 pm (social hour), 8 pm (dinner), Pinnacle Club, $22 per person. (NOTE: All reunions will meet at the same time at different rooms at the Pinnacle Club.) The following reunions will meet:
**Class of 1932** — Contact Dr. Osmah E. Harrell, Jacksonville, Florida.
**Class of 1937** — Contact Dr. Samuel E. Patton, Macon.
**Class of 1942** — Contact Dr. Carl S. Pittman, Tifton.
**Class of 1947** — Contact Dr. William S. Houston, Jacksonville, Florida.
**Class of 1952** — Contact Dr. Gordon W. Jackson, Macon.
**Class of 1957** — Contact Dr. Hugh F. Smisson, Macon.
**Class of 1962** — Contact Dr. Charles K. Bradley, Gainesville, Georgia.
**Class of 1967** — Contact Dr. Chappell A. Collins, Jr., Albany.
**Class of 1972** — Contact Dr. Miles H. Mason, Duluth.
**Class of 1977** — Contact Dr. William S. Revell, Louisville.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION:

The MCG Division of Continuing Education, in cooperation with the alumni associations, has scheduled the following special Homecoming educational programs:

**ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES** — May 6: As in previous years, the School of Allied Health Sciences will present a program of interest to all disciplines in the school. The program will be held on Thursday afternoon, May 6, on the MCG campus. Alumni will receive more details on these programs.

**DENTISTRY** — May 7-8: This year, the School of Dentistry will offer two continuing education courses especially for the alumni. On Friday,

(left) Billy Dodd, '47 promises to keep toes tapping and hands clapping with his nimble fingers on the piano.
(below) "Code 99", a popular band in the Augusta area, will provide a variety of dance music including stirring renditions of some of your Dixieland jazz favorites.

# Registration Form

## 1982 Homecoming
## May 7-8

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone ( )_____

MCG Affiliation_____ Yr. of Grad, if Alumnus_____

Specialty or type of work_____

Names of others attending Homecoming activities with you (for nametags, tickets)

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We wish to participate in:

| ACTIVITY | COST | NO. IN IN PARTY |
|---|---|---|
| **President's dinner dance with "Code 99" and Billy Dodd** | $11 each | |
| Please check your preference: ☐ Sconyers ☐Traditional | (After April 25— $18 each) | |
| **Allied Health Sciences:** | | |
| Annual meeting — Friday, 4 pm, MCG Library, Rm. 211 | No Cost | |
| **Dentistry:** | | |
| Luncheon — Saturday, noon, Dental School lounge | $ 5.50 each | |
| Spring business meeting — Saturday, 1 pm | No Cost | |
| Reunion — Class of 1977, Saturday evening | $15 | |
| **Graduate Studies:** | | |
| Annual meeting — Saturday, 4:30 pm, MCG Library, Rm. 211 | No Cost | |
| Reception — Saturday, 7:30 pm, Dr. Singal's home | No Cost | |
| **Medicine:** | | |
| Reception — Friday, 2 pm-5 pm, MCG Alumni House | No Cost | |
| Breakfast — Saturday, 10 am, R&E Building, Hamilton Wing | $ 5 each | |
| Annual meeting — Saturday, 10 am, R&E Building | No Cost | |
| Reunion — Class of __, Saturday, 7 pm, Pinnacle Club | $22 each | |
| **Nursing:** | | |
| Annual Meeting — Friday, 8:30 am, MCG Student Center | No Cost | |
| Breakfast — Friday, 8 am, MCG Student Center | Dutch Treat | |
| Speakers — Friday, 2:30 pm, MCG Library Conference Room | No Cost | |
| Reception — Friday, 4 pm, Nursing School Lounge | No Cost | |
| Reunion — Class of __, Saturday evening | $TBA | |

A check for $____ is enclosed. Make checks payable to **MCG Foundation, Homecoming.**

If you have already paid for your reunion separately, do not pay for it again. Mail this form to: 1982 Homecoming, MCG Alumni House, Augusta, Georgia 30912. Mail this before April 25, 1982 for the best rates.

May 7, Dr. Mohamed Sharaway and Dr. Norris O'Dell will present a review of head and neck anatomy. The second program will have a clinical focus and be presented on Saturday, May 8, from 9:30 am-noon. Alumni will receive more details.

**MEDICINE** — May 3-8: For the benefit of the MCG alumni, a major continuing education course taught by 67 faculty members is being presented May 3-8, 1982 on our campus. This course is designed to present a broad spectrum of material pertinent to physicians in family practice and other specialties providing a substantial amount of primary medical care. In recognition of the differences in medical practices, evening sessions and choices between numerous simultaneous sessions are being offered. Major emphasis will be on differential diagnosis and current management.

**NURSING** — May 5-6: Immediately preceding the Homecoming activities, a continuing education program will be offered by the School of Nursing. More details will be mailed to members.

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**LODGING** — As a special treat for MCG Homecoming participants, the Telfair Inn has been reserved for May 7 and 8. These handsome old Victorian homes in the "Olde Towne" section are beautifully restored, combining all the modern conveniences (including whirlpool baths and cable TV) with the luxury of the past. For reservations, call (404) 724-3315 and mention that you are a MCG Homecoming participant. Call early to find room in the inn.

**NEXT YEAR** — Mark your 1983 calendars now for Homecoming 1983 on May 6 & 7.

NOTE: **TICKETS AND MAPS** for the President's dinner dance on Friday evening will be mailed to those who register before April 25. Late registrants may pick up their tickets at the MCG Student Center on Friday evening, May 7.

Editor's Note: The following articles are reprinted as a special preview of the Southern style entertainment in store for you during Homecoming '82.

# Country doctor with the boogie-woogie beat

Dr. Billy Dodd is a physician, but when he says he is practicing you might not find him anywhere near a stethoscope. To Dodd, practice often means listening to and creating a different kind of beat — jazz.

A "country doctor" who has been taking care of folks in Wrightsville for more than 30 years, Dodd is also an acclaimed jazz pianist.

The '47 MCG alumnus began playing the instrument when he was 13 years old. At Mercer University he led one of the college bands, in addition to playing engagements around the Macon area with his own band. A stint in the US Army gave Dodd the chance to further his muscial talents by playing the brass horn with the 121st Infantry Band.

During his days as a MCG student, he continued to pursue musical interests. "As a medical student I didn't have as much time to play as I would have liked, but my senior year I did play regularly at the Bon Air Hotel which was the place to be back then."

It was through his work at the Bon Air Hotel that Dodd make friends with some of the leading musicians of the day.

"The Glenn Miller Band was stationed at Daniel Field in Augusta at that time and I got to know a lot of the band members when we played at social functions in town."

After graduation the practice of medicine left little time for the piano, but Dodd maintained his friendships with musicians he had become acquainted with over the years and he occasionally played an engagement. His record albums bear personal dedications from artists such as Earl "Fatha" Hines and his photo albums show the extensive variety of jazz clubs in which he has played.

A 1977 invitation to play in a jazz festival in Atlanta served as the impetus for his renewed involvement in the art.

"A lot of the musicians at the festival encouraged me to become more active in the field so I did."

Since that time he has played and conducted a charity benefit in New Orleans and sat in on numerous sessions with top musicians who play with Al Hirt, Pete Fountain and other jazz greats.

The physician says the hallmark of jazz is improvisation. Illustrating the point, Dodd tells of an engagement played in Macon with several noted musicians who had never practiced together before this concert, in fact they had never seen each other. Dr. Dodd, emceeing the event, introduced each band member to the audience then said, "Now I'll have to introduce the band to each other and we will begin."

# Dixieland doctors

"Code 99," a signal medical professionals know as an emergency call, means something else to many Augustans who have heard a band by that name performing Dixieland jazz and other favorite dance music. Most of the band's musicians work in the medical field. The band's name came from the fact that Wednesday night practice sessions were often interrupted by a "Code 99."

Louie Griffin, '63, general and vascular surgeon who plays clarinet with "Code 99," says, "The group dates to 1967 when some members were doings their residencies." In 1969, most of them were in the service but by 1972, the band began to reclaim some of its old members. The group has remained relatively stable since then, with "outsiders" filling in when a regular member got that "call."

"We've developed a unique sound over the years. It's good moving music, with all your favorites," says the drummer of the band, Joe Bowden, '66 head of MCG gastrointestinal surgery.

Warren Weatherford, pharmacist at University Hospital, is the trumpet player. Bob Parrish, '56, tenor saxophone, is the chairman of the pediatric surgery department at MCG and Ben Moss, '51, guitarist, is a psychiatrist. Annie Alperin, pianist for the group, is the wife of radiologist Hank Alperin. Dr. John Fisher, vocalist, is an assistant professor of medicine at MCG, and Gil Klemann, '69, internist, plays the upright piano and electric bass. The trombone player is John Hudson, '81, a first-year family practice resident at MCG.

"Code 99" is in constant demand in the Augusta area and plays for a variety of functions ranging from wedding receptions to dances.

# Presidents and Founders Clubs welcome new members

The fourth annual MCG President's dinner on December 10, honored several new members of the leadership giving clubs. Those honored in the Founders Club included: Dr. Harry E. Dawson, Sr., Mr. Eugene Fleischer and Mrs. Lucille Fleischer, Dr. James McCranie and Dr. Martha McCranie, Dr. Jerry G. Purvis and Mrs. June Purvis, Dr. A. Calhoun Witham and Mrs. Elizabeth Witham (in abstentia). Those in the Presidents Club who were honored included: Dr. W. Herman Brooks and Mrs. Estelle Brooks (in abstentia); Mr. John C. Hagler, III, and Dr. Mary Anne Hagler; and Dr. Joseph McCain Still, Jr. (in abstentia). Eighty-five members of the Presidents Club, the Founders Club, the President's Advisory Council, and the MCG administration attended. Dr. Joseph P. Bailey, Jr., delivered the main address.

(R to L) Dr. William H. Moretz, Mrs. Vivian Tomlin and Dr. Harry Dawson, Sr.

(R to L) Dr. William H. Moretz and Dr. and Mrs. Jerry G. Purvis.

(R to L) Dr. William H. Moretz, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fleischer and Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Fleischer.

Dr. Joseph M. Still

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(R to L) Dr. William H. Moretz, Dr. Martha S. McCranie and Dr. James McCranie.

(R to L) Dr. William H. Moretz, Graeme M. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Friedman.

# MCG's alumni presidents—closeup

by Nancy Carroll

## Tom Spivey: growing with the opportunities

Packed with energy and ideas, Tom Spivey was master of many trades before coming to Augusta in 1977 to complete his bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy. Carpenter, plumber, service station owner, ship yard worker and soldier, Spivey accumulated much experience before deciding to go into a health profession.

A native of Chatsworth in the northwest Georgia foothills, Spivey is a respiratory therapy instructor at MCG and the School of Allied Health Alumni Association president.

Choosing a field that offered rapid career advancement, Spivey was promoted to supervisor of the respiratory therapy department at Dalton's Hamilton Memorial Hospital within a year of his graduation. "I was surprised when I got a call offering me a teaching position at MCG, but it was an opportunity I could not pass up." So the Spiveys packed up their bags and moved back to Augusta in 1979.

Rhonda, his wife, is also from Chatsworth and works as a registered nurse at Doctors Hospital in Augusta. Family is very important to both of them. "A lot of times, we have to stop and make sure our careers aren't getting in the way of our family time." Kristian, their eight-year-old son, keeps them on the move with soccer practice, school and other activities. With teaching, presiding over the newly organized alumni association and keeping enough time for his family, Spivey admits he has his hands full.

Balancing nine different departments within the one School of Allied Health Sciences is Spivey's main challenge as alumni president this year. "I want to make the alumni association useful to each alumnus. For example, I would like to set up a nationwide referral system among the alumni so that when one alumnus moves, someone in that new area can make him feel at home and also help find him a position in that area."

Tom Spivey

## Van Haywood: keeping the priorities straight

Van Haywood, School of Dentistry Alumni Association president, went to the University of Georgia with one fixed idea, he was not going to be a dentist. Determined to make his own way, he decided to steer clear of his father's profession as a dental lab technician. So, he got a mathematics degree and plans were set for him to teach and attend graduate school at North Carolina State University. But during his senior year at UGA, after assessing his talents and capabilities, he surprised his father and himself by applying to dental school.

Graduating from MCG in 1974, Haywood was torn between two options, teaching and practicing. Taking the first option, he taught full time at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the operative department. He came back to Augusta because it offered the best of both worlds, teaching and practicing. Here he has a private general practice where he sees patients "as young as two and a half and as old as 90" and he teaches one day a week at MCG's restorative dentistry department.

Haywood enjoys teaching freshmen. "These students think like I did when I was in school. I thought it would all be easier when I got out of school and was 'just' a dentist. When you get out, only the names of the pressures change. Instead of tests and papers, it's insurance, office management, and still more paperwork. I want to teach them to cope with these little pressures now so they will be able to cope with the bigger stresses later. It's a matter of adapting, not enduring."

Haywood has learned to adapt to these pressures by restructuring his priorities. "My goals are to be the best for the Lord first, my wife and family, second; and then dentistry naturally falls third."

He and his wife, Angie, sing together at church meetings and stay

Van Haywood

active with their church's youth group. Since Lisa, their 19-month-old daughter, was born, Haywood says, "We can't pack up and go camping with the kids as much." He still tries to take time for his music, especially the guitar, and soon he plans to publish a book on learning to play the guitar with Christian songs. The Haywoods are expecting their second child in June.

Haywood believes in practicing what he preaches in his priorities, in teaching and in the alumni association. In teaching, he always checks himself. "If I give a student a 'D', I better show him that I do 'A' quality work." In the alumni association, he wants more alumni involvement and shows this by the active role that he has taken. "I think it takes awhile to appreciate what the school has given you. It's like leaving home. Sometimes it takes time to realize how much your parents have given you." Haywood says he is excited because the alumni association is entering a period where many of the alumni are getting enough perspective to appreciate what MCG has given them.

## Dave Welter: going that extra mile

Of the five schools at MCG, alumni of the School of Graduate Studies are more widely scattered throughout the country than any other. Why did Dave Welter, with a PhD in anatomy, decide to stay in Augusta when most of his fellow alumni have left the state?

"I guess I feel a crazy sense of responsibility to the Regents, the University System and Georgia. MCG has been very good to me. They have let me structure my academic career and encouraged me to grow. I'm grateful that they respect me enough to allow me this freedom."

To earn that respect, Dave Welter's philosophy is to go that extra mile, in teaching, in research, and in life. Welter is professor of anatomy at MCG and president of the School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association. He has the talent to stay totally involved in many activities. "Right now, research is more exciting than fishing," Welter says. And that's saying a lot from this avid bass fisherman. He is seeing exciting results in his work that includes the ultrastructure of the human chromosome and the skeletal configuration of the cell itself.

**Dave Welter**

Teaching is also exciting for Welter. "One of the fun things is to remember not to make the same mistakes of teachers that I had." Welter believes in taking time with each of his students and says, "These students have proven themselves by getting into the Medical College. This puts more responsibility on the teacher." When a student fails, he feels that the teacher also fails. "My goal is to turn these students on, excite them so much about a subject that they want to learn for themselves."

Although not a native Georgian, he received his undergraduate chemistry degree from the University of Georgia and in 1962 received a masters degree from MCG in anatomy. By 1964 he found himself married, working full time in chromosome research at Gracewood State School and going back to MCG for his doctorate in anatomy. He was part of the first program that MCG offered for PhDs. He fell naturally into a teaching position and has been teaching anatomy to allied health and medical students since 1970. He and his wife, Carrie, have two children, Davin and Andrea.

Welter has adapted well to the Georgia country boy image. When he allows himself time from research and teaching, it's off to the Savannah River for bass fishing, to Statesboro for farming and to his own workshop for wood carving. He also treks to Virginia annually for grouse hunting, a demanding sport. To get in condition, he walks the eight miles to the college and back home every working day.

By going that extra mile (or is it eight?), Welter manages to do many things well.

## Bill Shirley: passing on the knowledge

Dr. William C. Shirley, wasn't sure he wanted to be a doctor until he had plenty of time to think about it while floating on a ship in the Pacific during World War II. "From the Pacific, you thought the war would never be over." But then it was and Shirley came back to the U.S. and applied for admission into medical school. Remembering

**William Shirley**

his 1951 MCG class, he says, "Back then we all seemed to be veterans. We gave Sheldon Cohen a hard time because he was the youngest — and thought he was the smartest."

Shirley, an ob-gyn specialist in Macon, has been the School of Medicine alumni president for the past year. Growing up in Bainbridge where his father was in the lumber business, Shirley attended Clemson University and graduated from Mercer University with a biology degree. After the Navy and teaching high school for a year, Shirley headed for Augusta.

When he was at MCG, Shirley devoted his time to serious study, and that included serious study of a certian first-year nursing student, Bess. "As soon as I saw her walk past our pathology lab, I knew she was the one." The Shirleys have been married for more than 30 years, marrying when he graduated.

Serving in the health care profession is a Shirley family tradition. Mary Ann, the oldest daughter, is a nurse and is married to a physician. Bill, their son, is completing his senior year in the School of Medicine and is planning on specializing in ob-gyn like his father. Susan, their youngest daughter, followed her mother's footsteps and received her BSN from MCG's School of Nursing. And Bess, his wife, works part-time at Coliseum Hospital in Macon.

Shirley is interested in all kinds of education, especially medical. This is proven by his involvement on the board of trustees of Stratford Academy, a private secondary school in Macon, and of Mercer University. Through the alumni association, he has remained active with MCG. "I remember Dr. Torpin drilling into us while we were students that it was our duty to pass on our knowledge. If we weren't, we weren't fulfilling our training." He continues to pass on his knowledge in the Macon area, where he has guided many MCG ob-gyn residents through the hospital programs.

After this year, Shirley will continue to stay active in the Medical College by serving as the MCG Foundation president. "There are only a few things in life that a person develops an intense loyalty for — and for me, MCG is one of those things."

Suzanne Bohler

## Suzanne Bohler: following the tradition

Take the following ingredients: one mother who is a nurse, one father who is an MCG School of Medicine graduate, two sisters who are MCG School of Nursing alumni, one lifetime spent in Augusta hearing about the Medical College and be sure to include one pediatrician named Dr. Harry O'Rear (a past president of the Medical College of Georgia). What do you come up with? One very involved School of Nursing graduate named Suzanne Pursley Bohler.

Bohler grew up in Augusta. Her father, Dr. Norman B. Pursley, '48, is superintendent of Gracewood State School and Hospital in Augusta. "I have grown up with MCG as part of me. I can remember when I used to viist my pediatrician, Dr. Harry O'Rear, in his MCG office."

She began her nursing career at Augusta College with an associate degree in nursing and then worked at Talmadge Hospital. Bohler went through the Pathways program at MCG (a system where registered nurses could get their BSN in one year) in 1977. She worked in several units at Talmadge — general medicine, ICU/CCU and post open-heart recovery. She has worked as a head nurse of a large medical unit and as a clinical coordinator for the outpatient clinics. With a full working schedule, she completed her masters in nursing from MCG in 1981 with a major in psychiatry-mental health with an emphasis in administration. Since then, she has been working in an inpatient psychiatry unit at Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon.

She plans to enter the army nurses corps in the near future and is active as a captain in the army reserves.

Right now, Bohler is taking a breather after completing her masters by 'just' working. Her short range goals are to develop the skills she learned in graduate school and to enjoy being a mother. Beth Ann, her six-year old daughter, has inherited her mother's energy and quick wit and keeps Bohler on her toes. Her long range goal is to complete a PhD in nursing.

She has served as the president of the School of Nursing Alumni Association for two years, taking the reins from Marty Sacksteder. Bohler cites several positive changes. "There is more involvement of the alumni and better working boards and committees." She is hoping for at least 50 percent alumni participation.

# New members named to PAC

Three new members have been named to the President's Advisory Council at MCG. H. M. Osteen, Jr., Howard Gaines and James Hamilton Jr. join business and industrial leaders from throughout Georgia who counsel and assist President William Moretz.

H. M. Osteen, Jr., the president and chief executive officer and a director of First Federal Savings and Loan of Augusta, is a native of Anderson, S.C.

Osteen has been with First Federal since June, 1981. Before his move to First Federal, he was associated with First Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia where he was executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

Serving on the board of directors for Cornwall Industries, Inc., Junior Achievement and YMCA, Osteen is also a member of the Rotary Club of Augusta, Downtown Development Authority and the executive commitee of Historic Augusta. He is active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Augusta where he serves as a senior warden.

Osteen is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with both an undergraduate and graduate degree in economics. He is married to the former Molly Drayton of Charleston, S.C.

Howard Gaines is the president of the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Company of Augusta. He is also a member of the Pinnacle Club and the Rotary Club of Augusta.

Gaines began his banking career with the First National Bank of Atlanta, a subsidiary of First Atlanta Corporation. From September 1974 to December 1979, he served as president and chief executive officer of the First Savannah Bank. While in Savannah, Gaines was a member of the board of directors of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, Historic Savannah Foundation, and Savannah Port Authority. He also was the crusade chairman of the Chatham County unit of the American Cancer Society.

From January 1980 to July 1981, Gaines was the president and chief executive officer of Commercial Bank of Cobb County, a subsidiary of First Railroad and Banking Company of Augusta.

While in Marietta, Gaines served as member of the board of directors for the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and Cobb County Children's Center, Inc. He was also a member of the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Cobb County Bankers Association, Marietta Rotary Club, and the First United Methodist Church of Marietta.

He attended the US Naval Academy and the University of Georgia.

The executive vice president of the Citizens and Southern National Bank in Augusta, James H. Hamilton, Jr., has also been named to the PAC.

Born in Douglasville, Hamilton has worked with the C & S Bank since 1952. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in journalism.

Hamilton is involved in the Augusta Kiwanis Club and the First Methodist Church. He is on the board of directors for the Pinnacle Club and the University Health Care Foundation, Inc. In 1980, he was chosen as the "Industrial Development Volunteer of the Year" by the Georgia Industrial Developers Association, Inc.

Hamilton and his wife, Barbara, (Bobby) have three children; Scott, Paige, and Holly.

Bob Hutchinson, a recently appointed member of the PAC, died on September 4. Hutchinson was the president and chief executive officer of Brigadier Industries Corporation, the Southeast's largest manufacturer of manufactured homes.

Hutchinson also served as director of the Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce and owner of WRNZ radio station in Wrens. He was the chairman of the board of numerous businesses including: Hutchinson Homes, Inc., John Ginn Enterprises, Inc., Bob Wright Enterprises, Inc., Hutchinson Pontiac Olds, GMC, Inc., Hutchinson Ford-Mercury, Hutchinson-Johnson Buick Chevrolet.

He was a native of Thomson and attended Augusta College.

Benjamin F. Wardlow, PAC member and former mayor of Waynesboro, died on November 9. Wardlow, 69, a native of Crisp County, Ga., served as a PAC member for seven years.

Wardlow served for fours years as mayor and four years as councilman of Waynesboro. He was president of Wardlow Chevrolet, Inc., and Wardlow Advertising Company of Macon, Inc. He was the owner of Wardlow Advertising Company, Central Georgia Advertising Company and Americus Poster Advertising Company.

A graduate and trustee of Berry College, Wardlow was named a Berry College Distinguished Alumnus in 1977. He was also named Rotary Man of the Year for 1974-75 and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary International in 1978. He was a former president and governor of the Rotary Club.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro and past vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Wardlow is survived by his wife, Vera Cordell Wardlow.

James Hamilton, Jr.

Howard Gaines

H. M. Osteen, Jr.

# All is "well" with Rosie

by Mandy Roth

Someone is breathing hard in a room down the hall from Rosie Messer's office.

He inhales deeply.

He exhales, hissing hot breath through clenched teeth. Tears of sweat trickle across his reddened forehead.

He lies on a narrow bench with feet planted solidly on the carpeted floor below. His fists are contracted beside his chest, gripping a lever which resembles bicycle handlebars.

He exhales, forcing 101 pounds of weight above his body. He tenses as his muscular arms extend, lowers the weight and relaxes.

A shapely woman in a grey sweatsuit jogs past, dispatching her approval with a smiling glance. Across the room someone is jumping rope. In fact, the entire room is alive with bodies jogging, stretching, lifting and pulling.

What is this? A fitness revolution?

Exactly. And Rosie Messer, director of University Hospital's Health Central, is responsible for bringing this regiment to action.

In August, 1978, Rosie, an MCG School of Nursing graduate, spoke to officials from University Hospital in Augusta who were looking for someone to develop a "health education center."

"I told them I was the right person for the job," she says. As a child she aspired to be a fireman. She later changed her mind to nursing and that stuck long enough to receive a master's degree from MCG in 1975. "I think a nurse was the best person to have this job," she says. "My background was varied, yet specific in enough areas that I was knowledgeable to accomplish the goals."

She was hired and credits Executive Director Edward Gillespie and Education Director Jewel Lynch with "birthing" the initial idea. "The administration very firmly believed in the project," she says. With their support, she immediately began research. What she found was a new movement starting on the West Coast appropriately dubbed "wellness."

"Wellness very simply is being the best you can be: achieving your highest potential mentally, physically and spiritually," she explains. The predominant philosophy of wellness indicates that the leading causes of death today are due to chronic conditions which can be prevented. A document explaining the role of Health Central further explains, "there is a growing awareness among health professionals that many health problems such as smoking, poor nutrition, overweight, lack of exercise, abuse of drugs and alcohol and dangerous driving involve behavior patterns and lifestyle choices which individuals can control to a great extent."

Once the goals for the center were established, she set out to convert the former James Brown's Third World Nightclub into Health Central. Any traces of the black exterior, red velvet wallpaper and fake stained glass windows have been eliminated. Health Central is a sleek, contemporary building — white with smoked glass panes, ultra-modern furnishings and what goes on behind the doors is far removed from anything former nightclub patrons experienced.

Besides an area equipped for indoor workouts, there are outdoor tracks, classrooms and a library. It is much more than an exercise facility; it is a place for the community to learn about wellness.

In 1980 a total of 1,379 pounds were shed in weight management classes, 74 students completed classes to stop smoking and 114 people learned how to manage stress. Fitness, nutrition, lifestyle education and parenting are only a few of the other classes offered.

Rosie firmly believes a person in her position must adhere to the concepts Health Central promotes. Indeed, she looks the picture of health. She is slender, almost skinny, and although she is dressed in office clothing — a black pantsuit, gold chains and a bracelet — a bright red Health Central T-shirt shines between the lapels of her blazer, much like the smile radiating from her face.

She sticks to a strict regimen of exercise, running a mile four times weekly, bicycling eight miles twice a week. The 40-year-old admits developing this routine wasn't easy.

"I had to learn the concepts of wellness and I'm not 100 percent there yet. I'm not an athletic person." The payoff, she says, is not only feeling

good, but the image she projects to clients.

"The clients watch everything we do," she insists. "By God, they want to see if we can do it too." She recalls a story the nutritionist told her when she was grocery shopping and ran into someone from a nutrition class. "They looked in her basket to see if she bought for herself the things she told them to buy."

Although she nearly always practices what she preaches, Rosie confesses a weakness: "I still love doughnuts."

"We have been known to sneak out at lunch to Sunshine Bakery and eat Napoleons and coffee," admits Jo Endres, Health Central's lifestyle educator. "But you know, that's as rotten as Rosie gets."

Rosie says a personal source of encouragement to her has been her husband. They met over bowls of ice cream at Baskin Robbins ice cream parlor where Rosie was seeking refuge from studying for exams. "We have real cheap anniversaries," she says. "We go to Baskin Robbins and order lemon custard and rocky road."

According to Jo, the staff adores Rosie. According to Rosie, she adores the staff. "I hired the most marvelous group of people," she says with a smile. Her speech is continually punctuated with the phrase, "I could never have done this alone."

"Rosie," says Jo, "never says 'I.' She always says 'we.' She's the best person I've ever worked with. She can delegate, let go and instill confidence. She steps back and allows the staff to take credit. She's a very humanistic, caring person, yet strong and dynamic. She combines the qualities of a strong leader and a good motivator."

"I can remember a particularly tough time," Jo recalls. Working hard for several weeks on a tough project left her discouraged and tired. She discussed the problem with Rosie who listened and said some encouraging words.

"The next morning I came to work and there was a poster on the door that said 'This is Be Good to Jo Day!' " There were posters in the hall and the staff was alerted to treat Jo with tender, loving care. Co-workers and clients stopped by her office all day to deliver kind words and encouragement. "How could anyone be down after that?" Jo remarks. "Rosie is literally a ray of sunshine in all whose lives she touches."

In Rosie's otherwise pristine office, something is out of place. The box in the center of the floor indicates something much more than misplaced belongings.

Rosie is packing her bags.

She says she likes to see projects from the initial stages, through development, to completion. Health Central is no exception. She will remain at University Hospital though, becoming administrative assistant for quality control. Jo will replace her as Health Central's director.

"I've probably never stepped in anybody's shoes that were bigger to fill," says Jo. "It's really hard for me not to get emotional as we speak of her departure," Jo says and stops abruptly, choking on her words as her eyes fill with tears. "Rosie is unique and she is loved. She's really special."

"This is so hard for me to leave this job," Rosie says, leaning slightly forward to grasp her knees. "It's been more than a job; it's been a way of living for three years."

# Continuing education: Providing new knowledge in new ways

by John Donnelly

Dr. Smith has a question for the lecturer at the family practice symposium being held in Augusta. He is working with a similar case and wants to know the speaker's thoughts on a specific method of treatment. Instead of raising his hand and standing, Smith picks up a telephone on his desk and asks his question. The lecturer gives an immediate answer.

Is this Gerard O'Neill's *2081*, or Alan Toffler's *Third Wave?* No, this could be any one of several continuing education (CE) courses that are now offered via satellite communications. This is one way physicians, dentists and other health professionals can keep up with the ever increasing body of scientific knowledge that affects them and their patients.

Audio-visual communication systems that provide hook-ups to a variety of locations and offer two-way discussion with the speaker are dramatic communications techniques now used by many innovative continuing education programs around the country. However, Dr. Glen Garrison, director of continuing education and professor of medicine and family practice at MCG, feels other methods will have more impact on the number and quality of continuing education courses in the future.

"The main problem facing continuing education in this country is the fact there are too many courses being offered," Garrison says. "By this I mean the number of courses has surpassed the number of physicians, dentists and other health professionals who want to attend them. The market is flooded." According to a 1979 survey of physicians commissioned by the AMA and reported in *Medical News*, courses presented by medical schools dominated the preference ratings for types of CE courses.

The vast variety of continuing education choices facing a physician causes problems course directors had never considered. In recognition of this new fact of CE life, the institutional summary of MCG's Continuing Education Division's 1979-80 annual report states, "University medical centers will have to meet stiff competition successfully in order to attract enrollees in the future." To do this, Garrison says certain changes will have to be made to compete for enrollees.

"Here at MCG, we are identifying new markets and moving into them. We are perceiving changes in the needs of the physicians and relating these needs to our present programs, to see how they can be improved and be made more attractive to physicians," Garrison says.

One of the methods the division is using is the correspondence course form of continuing education. "This type program, which can be in very specialized areas that might not draw enough enrollees if offered as a regular course, will play a part in continuing education in the future," the director feels.

A new area Garrison sees continuing education moving toward is training for new categories of health professionals. "For instance, a program for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Those studying for certification as advanced EMTs are involved in a program that takes six months of full-time training to complete, so this is another change from the present two-day course."

The curriculum offered at these courses is also changing. According to the institutional summary of the annual report, "The courses utilizing only lectures, panel discussions and question and answer sessions are almost never filled to capacity." But, "In contrast, our courses that contained substantial active participation by the enrollees in our hospital, laboratories and dental clinics were generally filled to capacity and often oversubscribed. Again, it is clear that the demand for true participation courses is not being fully met."

New CE courses are longer because course directors are presenting more in-depth material to attract participants. "For numerous courses, you can't get by on a 9 to 5 schedule anymore," Garrison explains. "Some of our courses are now starting at 8 in the morning and running to 9 or 9:30 at night."

While the division is involved in making courses attractive to physicians and other health professionals, it is also preparing approximately 20 courses at all times.

"There are two types of continuing education courses offered through MCG's Continuing Education Division," Garrison says. "The first type is the program arranged at the request of a local medical society or community hospital. We normally arrange these programs and find the faculty members who can speak most effectively on the specific topics requested. Sometimes, we bring in a guest speaker from outside the Medical College." Of 477 programs offered by MCG's School of Medicine over the past two years, 394, or 83 percent, were of this type.

The second type course is promoted by brochure. "These programs have large mailings to multiple states and attract a large number of health professionals," according to the director. "Whereas in the School of Medicine, the average number of physicians attending the first type course was around 17, the brochure-promoted courses average much higher attendance."

The School of Allied Health Sciences plans its courses for smaller groups with "hands on" involvement

by the participants, according to Dr. Biagio Vericella, associate dean of Allied Health. "Mailouts of programs offered by the School of Allied Health always go to the state roster for that field. Depending on the program, it may also be sent to the Southeast mailing list for the field. Because of the participation factor and the specialization of the course topic, there normally are 20 to 25 enrollees in the courses."

"We try to have each department hold one continuing education course a year as part of the master plan for the School of Allied Health," Vericella explains. "Of course, many of the departments have more than one course."

Allied health has one program, physicians assistants, which requires completion of a certain number of CE courses over a period of years to maintain licensure.

Although some states require CE courses for nurses to keep their licenses, Georgia does not have this requirement says Susan Bruno, professor and director of continuing education for the School of Nursing. Through the Continuing Education Division, however, the School of Nursing organizes state-wide programs for registered nurses covering all phases of nursing. "Most of these programs are clinical in nature," Bruno says.

In addition, the School of Nursing operates an outreach program at Milledgeville that provides courses on a wide variety of topics. This is done in conjunction with District 14 of the Georgia Nurses Association. "We use MCG faculty in most of the courses," Bruno says. "Sometimes we will bring in faculty from other places."

The School of Nursing and the Continuing Education Division plan to offer more courses in the future, according to Bruno. "We are looking at scheduling some for Savannah and Athens, where we have satellite programs. We also get requests from other places and try to respond to them as we are able."

The School of Dentistry is deeply involved in continuing education programs for the state's dentists. The school has a CE committee, directed by Dr. Ralph McKinney, professor of oral pathology and oral biology, which solicits program ideas from faculty members.

"These ideas are discussed and a program for the coming academic year is put together. This program is approved by the committee and then by the academic council. We work with Dr. Jim Collins in the Continuing Education Division who does the leg work setting up the courses," according to McKinney.

The CE program in dentistry responds to requests from members of the district dental societies and works with the Academy of General Dentistry on a series of participation courses for their members. "They asked us to set up this program because the courses qualify their members for fellowship and mastership status based on the number of CE hours they have," McKinney explains.

The dental committee plans to sponsor joint programs with the University of Florida. This program is scheduled to begin in 1982 at Disneyworld.

Dentistry's method of soliciting ideas from faculty members for CE courses is only one way new programs are developed. Besides faculty members, the administrative officer for continuing education in each school at MCG, practitioners in the state, and the Continuing Education Division all come up with program ideas, according to Garrison.

The content of the course is determined by the course director. When planning for continuing education courses, Garrison says a major question to ask is "How marketable is the topic?"

Once the course idea is accepted and approved by the dean's representative, the course director arranges the material and turns it over to the Continuing Education Division. "We like to have the material for the brochure at least five months before the course," Garrison explains. "Between the time we receive the material and the date of the course, we continue to advise and make suggestions to the course directors. If they are directing their first course, we try and give them all the assistance we can."

**Dr. Glen Garrison**

The programs go on a master schedule of courses offered during the year and the many steps involved in completing the project are blocked out. According to Collins, "These steps include getting the artwork done by a certain date, having the mailing labels ready, getting the material provided by the course director into the proper form, writing the brochure, having the brochure typeset and printed and then having the brochures labeled, bagged and mailed."

This is not the end of the involvement of the Continuing Education Division in the specific courses. "As the time approaches for the program, we contact each faculty member in the course and ask what handout materials and audio-visual equipment they need. We reserve the rooms for them, make sure the equipment arrives and get their material distributed at the program," Collins explains.

At least one member of the Division of Continuing Education attends all major meetings to ensure that the supporting services run smoothly. The division is responsible for collecting money and making receipts, coordinating details with the hotel, setting

up dinners and other social functions.

"All the steps we take are approved by the course director," Collins says, "and everything we do is aimed at making it as easy as possible for the course director and the faculty members involved in the program."

The Continuing Education Division also develops programs for alumni who return to the campus for MCG's homecoming celebration.

"This is an obvious link between the alumni and continuing education," Garrison says. "The alumni can combine the reunions of homecoming with the furthering of their knowledge through the CE courses offered by each of our schools. These have been some of our most effective programs."

Over 8,000 people from one end of Georgia to the other and at resorts including Jekyll Island, Hilton Head, South Carolina and Durango, Colorado participated in programs coordinated by MCG.

In fiscal year 1979-80, 307 courses were presented through the Division of Continuing Education. The majority of these (226) were given by the School of Medicine. There were 29 programs offered by the School of Dentistry, 24 by the School of Nursing and 21 were presented by the School of Allied Health. Administrative divisions at MCG presented an additional six programs.

Those participating in the wide variety of continuing education programs came mainly from Georgia. In all, 47 states and the District of Columbia were represented at courses offered by MCG. Ninety-one enrollees came from foreign countries, according to Garrison.

The physicians, dentists, and other health professionals from Georgia who attended the CE courses were not located in the state's large cities. A total of 133 of the state's 159 counties were represented, and courses were held in 28 towns and cities throughout Georgia.

Along with the regular reading of journals and books and informal discussions with their medical colleagues about problems they find in their practices, the attendance at continuing education courses presented by hospital staffs, professional societies and medical schools is one of the three basic ways health professionals continue to learn during their careers, according to Garrison. Development of the continuing education programs at MCG is a sure sign that health professionals in Georgia and elsewhere are going to continue to have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in many fields.

Or, as Collins says, "The next 50 years in continuing education are going to be exciting."

# Future MCG continuing education programs

The following is a list of courses planned for the next five months. For more information regarding any course, or for reservations, call the Division of Continuing Education at 404-828-3998 or write the Division of Continuing Education, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA 30912.

### Medicine

Disease Prevention and Health Maintenance
April 30-May 1, 1982
Augusta

Seventeenth Annual Family Practice Symposium
May 3-8, 1982
Augusta

Sixth Annual Resident-Alumni Ophthalmology Meeting
May 14-15, 1982
Augusta

Recent Advances in Internal Medicine
June 14-16, 1982
Kiawah Island, S.C.

Cardiac and Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine
July 22-25, 1982
Kiawah Island, S.C.

Pediatric Update — 1982
July 26-28, 1982
Kiawah Island, S.C.

Your Practice, Your Money, Your Family
August 2-6, 1982
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Clinical Obstetrics
August 9-11, 1982
Kiawah Island, S.C.

### Dentistry

Dental Materials
May 21, 1982
Augusta

Practice Administration
May 27-29, 1982
Jekyll Island

Management of the Medically Compromised Patient
June 17-19, 1982
Jekyll Island

Restorative Dentistry
June 25-27, 1982
Savannah

Occlusion Principles
July 2-3, 1982
Jekyll Island

Fixed Prosthodontics
July 15-17, 1982
Walt Disney Resort Community of Lake Buena Vista Co-sponsored with the College of Dentistry, University of Florida

Disease Prevention and Health Maintenance
April 20-May 1, 1982
Augusta

Your Practice, Your Money, Your Family
August 2-6, 1982
Hilton Head Island, S.C.

### Occupational Therapy

Treatment of Cerebral Palsy
July 29-30, 1982
Augusta

# CLASS NOTES

## SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

### Department of Dental Hygiene

**Anna Marie May Spain**, '79, works at Health Central, the wellness center associated with University Hospital in Augusta. She also attends the graduate program in health administration at Augusta College. She and her husband, Tommy, live in Augusta.

### Department of Medical Technology

**Jack Tamplin**, '71, is the blood bank supervisor at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin.

**Claudia Nan Allen**, '72, received her masters of health education from MCG in 1976. She is presently a technical specialist for Corning Medical and Scientific and lives in Reston, Va.

### Department of Radiologic Technologies

**Stanley Price**, '80, is an instructor in Radiologic Technologies at MCG. He lives in Martinez.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

**Donald L. Hand**, '73, writes that he is "living in an old log house (circa 1833) with three of the best bird dogs in south Georgia. Need I say more?" Hand lives in Nashville, Ga.

**Herman Woodrow Herring, Jr.**, '73, teaches at the University of Mississippi at Jackson School of Dentistry. His specialty is removable prosthodontics.

**William B. Nipper**, '73, married Kathlyn Mort of Ocala, Fla., on November 21, 1981. They live in Jacksonville.

**C. Bruce Gordy**, '75, is currently practicing in Orlando, Fla. He is also a part-time faculty member in the operative department at the University of Florida. He has two boys, ages 4 and 10 months.

**William B. Williams**, '75, lives in Decatur and has one son, William Justin Williams, born on September 20, 1981. His new practice interests are temporal mandibular joints and orthodontics.

**S. Dale Adkisson**, '80, is practicing in Smyrna. He is married to Angela Beck, a 1977 MCG Department of Dental Hygiene graduate.

**Mark Ingram**, '81, has opened an office in Vienna. He and his wife, Michelle, have one son, Kirby Mark.

**Chris Jernigan**, '81, will graduate from the University of St. Louis (Missouri) in 1983. He is in the department of orthodontics.

**William Miller**, '81, is serving in the US Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. He plans to return to Georgia and set up a small town practice. He is married and has one child.

**Craig Walker**, '81, has set up practice in Fort Oglethorpe. He and his wife, Nancy, are expecting their first child.

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

**Donald E. Biggerstaff**, MSMI, '70, chief of medical illustration at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, has been named "Outstanding Young Man of America" for 1981. The awards program annually recognizes young men for "outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community."

Biggerstaff joined SIU School of Medicine in 1973 and serves as the assistant professor of biomedical communications. He is also an assistant professor of plastic surgery and is responsible for SIU's maxillofacial and occular prosthetics program, which provides individuals with body parts as artificial replacements.

He and his wife, Erin, live in Springfield, Illinois.

**Catherine A. Koshman**, MHE, '81, is an assistant professor in the department of physical therapy at MCG, specializing in neurology. She and her husband, Erroll, live in Martinez.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Waldo Emerson Floyd**, '24, was elected president of the Georgia Orthopedic Society in October. Georgia has approximately 400 orthopedic surgeons.

**Abraham Germain**, '38, has been honored as one of the top ten family doctors of 1981 by a national women's magazine. Germain has helped to establish family practice departments in several Georgia hospitals. He is currently vice chief of family practice at Clayton General Hospital. He and his wife, Pearl, have a son who is an MCG School of Medicine graduate, Bernard F. Germain, '66. The Germains live in Jonesboro where he also runs a timber farm.

**William A. Dodd**, '47, has been recently honored with a geriatric lectureship in his name from the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) at its annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The William A. Dodd-Ross Laboratories Lectureships in Geriatrics is a $2,000 annual grant sponsored by Ross Laboratories and "will bring the world's most outstanding authorities in geriatrics" each year to the annual AMDA meeting, according to AMDA President Carl F. Page, M.D., of Lubbock, Texas.

Dodd, a fellow for the American Academy of Family Physicians and a medical director of four nursing homes, is the founder of AMDA and served as its first president for two years. A native of Macon, Dodd has practiced in Wrightsville for the past 31 years. He is also a talented and well-known jazz pianist and will perform at MCG's Homecoming in May.

**Henry B. Hearn, III**, '47, was presented a plaque in appreciation of his support to the Anderson Memorial Hospital family practice residency program from 1975 to 1980. Anderson Memorial Hospital is located in Anderson, S.C. His son, Dr. Henry B. Hearns, IV, began a ob-gyn practice last August. Hearns, III, proudly announces the birth of his first grandchild, Jillian Lee Hearn.

**J. Harvey Beall, Jr.**, '55, has been in private general psychiatric practice in Athens since 1972. His oldest son, Jim, is a senior medical student at MCG.

**Malcolm M. Sayres**, '59, is a commander in the US Navy. He became chief of surgical services for the US Naval Hospital in Rota, Spain, in July. He and his wife, Ruth, will be in Spain until 1983.

**B. Lamar Pilcher**, '61, has opened a private practice for diagnostic radiology in Warner Robins and is continuing his hospital practice.

**Melvin L. Hirsch**, '62, is recuperating from open heart surgery. Hirsch is the chairman and director of Nucleur Medicine and director of the School of Nucleur Medicine Technology at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Dyer, Ind. He has also maintained a private practice in inter-

nal medicine. He and his wife, Rosemary, live in Munster, Ind.

**William Silver**, '63, was the guest speaker at the Tulane University Medical School Historical Society. He discussed the history of otolaryngology and his speech was entitled "An Old Specialty gets a New Face . . . Head . . . and Neck." His lecture reviewed the changes of the specialty from its inception as the second oldest medical specialty to its eventual name change from otolaryngology to head and neck medicine and surgery.

**Lamar L. Fleming**, '65, is an associate professor of orthopedics at Emory University in Atlanta. He serves as the chief of Grady Memorial Hospital orthopedic department and chief of the hand section at Emory's orthopedic section.

**John C. House**, '67, was recently re-elected as a diplomat on the American Board of Family Practice.

**C. David Brown**, '71, is an assistant professor in the department of anesthesia at MCG.

**Margaret Frank Guill**, '73, is an assistant professor in the department of pediatrics and medicine at MCG. Her specialty is immunology and allergies. She is married to Marshall Guill, a 1973 MCG School of Medicine graduate, and they have two children; Daniel, 6, and Laura, 2.

**Arthur W. Browning, Jr.**, '74, has been elected treasurer of Professional Standard Review Organization (PSRO) for northeast Florida and co-chairman of long term health care for the PSRO. He serves as the vice president of the Northeast Florida Heart Association and president of the Florida Medical Directors. He has two children; Brooke, 4, and Arthur III (Tripp), 2.

**John M. Tatum**, '74, has a private psychiatric practice in Winter Park, Fla. He and his wife, Eileen, have two daughters; Jennifer, 10, and Beth, 6.

**Earl A. Burch, Jr.**, '75, is the director of medical student education in the department of neuropsychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He also teaches psychiatry at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute in Columbia, S.C. Burch became board certified in 1980 and since then has published seven scientific articles and presented numerous education seminars on biological psychiatry and psychopharmacy.

**Daniel A. Birchmore**, '76, has opened a rheumatology practice in Athens. Birchmore has recently completed a two year fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Virginia.

**Newton J. Coker**, '76, is an MCG assistant professor in the department of surgery, specializing in otolaryngology. He and his wife, Reagan, have two children; Josephine, 7, and Grady, 4.

**John H. Jackson**, '76, plans to finish a nucleur medicine fellowship this June. Maj. Jackson is stationed at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco.

**Roger P. Meyer**, '76, has been elected to the staff of Carson-Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, Nev. The Meyers are expecting their second child.

**Howard J. Cohen**, '77, has completed his residency in internal medicine at Emory University and is a fellow in infectious diseases at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. He was recently certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He and his wife, Caryl, live in Branford, Conn.

**James S. McHone**, '77, has finished an orthopedic residency at Fitzsimmons Medical Center in Denver, Colo., this past December. He is assigned to the orthopedic staff at Moncrief Army Hospital at Fort Jackson, in Columbia, S.C.

**James H. Braziel**, '78, is an instructor in the MCG Department of Anesthesiology. He and his wife, Debran, live in Martinez.

**Roger O. Mize**, '78, is an instructor in the MCG Department of Medicine, specializing in internal medicine. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children; Meredith, 3, and Anna, 1.

**Donald R. Robinson**, '78, is an instructor in the department of medicine at MCG, specializing in internal medicine. He and his wife, Mary Dyke, have a son, Will, 4.

**William S. Mayberry**, '79, and his wife, Terry Joanne, announce the birth of their son, William Taff Mayberry. Mayberry is completing a family practice residency in Huntsville, Ala.

**W. Timothy Scharle**, '80, is a second year medical resident in internal medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Penn.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Joyce Ferrell**, '64, works as a public health nurse at the Hancock County Health Department in Sparta.

**Lura Shaw**, '65, recently retired from Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta with 26 years of service. She was the hospital's coordinator of inservice education since 1965. She plans to remain active in nursing, working part time.

**Robbie Blankenship Hughes**, '67, received a masters degree in family health nursing from Clemson University. She is now an instructor for the baccalaureate program at Clemson. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children; Jenny, 11, and Michael, 8.

**Perlas Paguibitan Barnard**, '69, graduated from the East Carolina University family nurse practitioner program in December. Her husband, Earl, is a physical therapist for the Martin County General Hospital. They have two children; Eric, 7, and Lisa, 4. The Barnards live in Plymouth, N.C.

**Janette Hearn Miller**, '69, serves as the coordinator of media services at University Hospital in Augusta. She is enrolled in the masters of media arts program at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She was chosen as the "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year" for South Carolina for 1981.

**Patricia J. Baldwin**, '71, has been appointed chairwoman of the department of nursing at Georgia College. She has four children.

**Theresa Wallace Ouzts**, '71, lives in Athens. She and her husband, Harvey Ouzts, a 1971 MCG School of Medicine graduate, have three children: Amy, 10, Allyson, 7, and Jonathon, 2.

**Martha L. Dailey Comstock**, '72, lives in Gainesville, Fla. She is an ob-gyn nurse practitioner. In October she gave birth to a son, Jared Dustin.

**Lisa Goodwin**, '73, is assistant director of patient education at Candler General Hospital in Savannah.

**Halvor E. Iverson, Jr.**, Ltn. Comm., '73, is currently stationed at the US Naval Regional Medical Center in Okinawa, Japan, in the department of anesthesiology.

**Marsha Brandon**, '75, is working on her doctorate degree in educational administration at the University of Texas in Austin.

**Kim Schultz Hamrick**, '75, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Bryson City Business and Professional Women's Club. She is employed by the Swain County Hospital as a nurse anesthetist. She developed the first program for prepared childbirth classes for Swain County.

**Margaret Eleanor Smith**, '75, is the new unit administrator of the Community Dialysis Service of Orangeburg, S.C. She plans to marry next fall.

**Leara (Trudy) Swilling**, '75, has taught nursing at Dalton Junior College for the past ten years. She is married and has three children.

**Pamela A. Hoaglund**, '76, is on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps and attends the Uni-

versity of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Capt. Hoaglund is in the graduate nursing program with a major in medical-surgical nursing and minors in clinical specialization, education and administration.

**Melinda M. McLemore**, '76, has an exchange daughter, Debbie Johnson, from South Africa.

**Susan Minter**, '76, has two children; Michael, 3, and Malissa, 7 months.

**Judith Moore**, '76, works at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta in the pediatric department.

**Sandra Lewis Oliver**, '76, has recently married Dr. John A. Oliver, an ophthalmologist who did his residency at MCG, and they have moved to Willesboro, N.C. She has worked at MCG's eye clinic for three years and now works part time for her husband in his ophthalmology office.

**Ann Pope North**, '76, is the enterstomal therapist at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C. Her husband, Jack, is the director of youth ministries at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**Jo Ann Mason Pillion**, '76, and her husband, Dennis, a 1976 PhD graduate from MCG, live in Birmingham, Ala. Their first child, Dennis J. Pillion, Jr., was born on October 19. Jo Ann received a MSN degree in adult health nursing last year. Her husband is on the faculty at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

**Sharon Samples Boys**, '77, received a masters degree at Emory University in Atlanta. She is a perinatal/neonatal clinical specialist at South Fulton Hospital. She is NAACOG certified in neonatal intensive care nursing.

**Regina Verde Buford**, '77, teaches at Brenau College at the Hall School of Nursing. She received her masters in adult health nursing from Georgia State University in 1980. She is the coordinator of the sophomore level nursing program at Brenau.

**Virginia Keith Fackler**, '77, is the associate director of nursing at Beverly Hills Medical Center in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**Deborah L. Farmer**, '77, is a full-time student in the masters program in community mental health nursing at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

**Marguerite T. Littleton**, '77, is an assistant professor of nursing at the Rush College of Nursing in Chicago, Ill. She is a doctoral student at Rush University, also.

**Sally Scanlon**, '77, is now stationed at Fort Gordon and has received ANA certification in adult nursing and gerontological nursing as a nurse practitioner.

**Priscilla C. Sheppard**, '77, and her husband, E. Gene, have two children; Doug, 16, and Tammy, 14.

**Willette Hendricks Strickland**, '77, and her husband, Samuel L. Strickland, M.D., a 1976 MCG School of Medicine graduate, have a new daughter, Catherine Merida. They have moved to Albany where Sam joined Radiology Associates. After six years as neonatal nurse and educator in Augusta, she says, "I am a full-time newborn nurse at home."

**Barbara C. Anderson**, '78, has been appointed assistant professor of nursing at Middle Georgia College in Cochran. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, and has previously served as a member of the faculty of Georgia College.

**Michael C. Carter**, '78, and his wife, Vivian, have two daughters; Courtney, 3, and Whitney, 1. He is the 24-hour supervisor of a 28-bed urology unit at Floyd Medical Center in Rome. He plans to attend graduate school and ultimately seek a position at a nursing school.

**Myrna Hackett**, '78, is the operating room supervisor at the VA Medical Center in Augusta. She is a member of the national board of Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. She is the mother of two teenage boys.

**Sandra K. Higgison**, '78, has accepted a position as the staff development instructor at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon.

**Brenda D. Momon**, '78, works as the patient education coordinator at Redman Park Hospital in Rome. She received her MSN in adult health at Georgia State University last August with a certification in gerontology. In February, she married David A. Barton. They live in Rome.

**Willie Werts**, '78, works as a nurse supervisor in the South Carolina Correctional Department.

**Jane Hoetzer White**, '78, and her husband, Dr. Max White, are serving a Navy tour in San Diego, Calif. He is a third-year urology resident and she says that she is "just enjoying beautiful California at present."

**E. JoAnne Jones**, '79, has been re-elected as chairwoman of District IV of the Nurses Association for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is a doctoral candidate at William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She is the recipient of the Virginia section of NAACOG "Nurse of the Year Award." She spent the month of September traveling in China.

**Helen C. Lamb**, '79, is an oncology clinical specialist at the VA Medical Center in Augusta. She recently attended the Oncology Nurses Society Congress and the American Cancer Society Conference.

**Marvina L. Steadman**, '79, serves as the chairwoman of pediatric nursing at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, Tenn.

**Denise Adams**, '80, works as a staff nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Atlanta. She has finished one year of graduate study at Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S.C. She looks forward to a career as a nurse missionary.

**Elizabeth D. Burch**, '80, is an instructor at South Georgia College in Douglas for the associate degree program of nursing.

**Jill Delaine Davis**, '80, is working toward her MHS degree in nursing anesthesia from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Pattie Garrett**, '80, is a nursing instructor at Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton. She begins work on her doctorate in nursing administration this summer at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

**Kimberly Davenport Harper**, '80, plans to work at University Hospital in Augusta until 1983. Her husband is enrolled in the School of Medicine at MCG.

**Susan Massey**, '80, is an emergency room nurse at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta.

**Gail E. Newhouse**, '80, is a staff nurse on a medical-surgical unit at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. She has completed a nurse intern program with clinical rotations in ophthalmology, medical surgery and orthopedics.

**Dianne Smolen**, '80, is the associate coordinator of nursing education for a continuing education program called Mahoning Shenango Area Health Education Network. She lives in Poland, Ohio.

**Pam Henderson**, '81, works on a general surgery unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

**Brenda F. Morrison**, '81, is an instructor for mental health psychiatric nursing at MCG. She enjoys bowling and racquetball.

**Elizabeth Pond**, '81, is an MCG instructor in the department of maternal-child nursing. She and her husband, Joseph, have three children: Cathy, 13, Cheri, 12, and Julie, 7. They live in Evans.

**Janice Reeves**, '81, works in an open heart surgical unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

**Lynn Stanley**, '81, is at Boston University's Graduate School of Nursing in Boston, Mass. She will get a masters in psychiatric-mental health nursing.

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